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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 7242

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, CH

SUBJECT: PRC RELEASES ROK FISHERMEN

REF: SEOUL 6360

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA, PRC ON OCT 31 RELEASED 24 ROK FISHERMEN WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED IN CHINA SINCE THEIR BOAT WAS WASHED ASHORE ON SOUTH CHINA SEACOAST OCT 13. FISHERMEN WERE RELEASED AT HONG KONG BORDER AND ARE DUE TO ARRIVE BACK IN ROK EVENING OF NOV 1.

2. MOFA OBSERVES THAT DETENTION OF FISHERMEN WAS FOR MUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAN FOR CREW RELEASED IN SEPT (REFTEL), FOR WICH ROKG IS APPRECIATIVE. HOWEVER, UNLIKE PREVIOUS CASE, THE 305 TON ROK FISHING VESSEL IS INTACT IN PRC HANDS. ALTHOUGH TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW APPARENTLY DIED IN STORM WHICH WASHED BOAT ASHORE, BOAT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN GOOD
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CONDITION. MOFA WILL INTERVIEW CREW WHEN IT RETURNS

TO SEOUL AND THEN DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT VESSEL.

3. ROK PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO
RETURN OF FISHERMEN, BASING STORIES ON MOFA
INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH CREW
MEMBERS IN HONG KONG.
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